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TO : Herrn Castrop
FROM : 829
SUBJECT : Hans Joachim Rechenberg
REFERENCE: Castrop/829 Conversation on 15 March

1. EOS Algiers has advised that Angela Wuestefeld was picked up at her hotel on or about 21 February by four plainclothesmen. She was put in a car, blindfolded, taken for a ten minute ride and interrogated at an unknown site for several hours. She was blindfolded the entire period. She has reported the incident to the Swiss Ambassador who oversees German affairs.

2. Wuestefeld allegedly was questioned about her background and friends in Algiers including some who are allegedly EOS agents.

3. Wuestefeld is allegedly planning to leave Algiers on or about 21 March. Her destination is unknown.

4. EOS has no indication that Rechenberg is in danger. However, it is difficult for us to judge the situation accurately since we do not know what kind of operational assignments he has carried out in Algeria. If Rechenberg has been involved in activities which might have brought him to the attention of local security elements it might be wise for him to take a vacation until the situation settles down.

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5. EOS has no objection to a GAMMA interrogation of Rechenberg about Wuestefeld and Richard Christmann. We would naturally appreciate any information coming out of the interrogation which affected American security interests.

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